

GYRO INTERNATIONAL
POLICY AND PROCEDURAL RESOLUTIONS

Updated to March 2026

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PART I - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

NO.	DATE	RESOLUTION
EC1	July 1950	Those clubs who do not participate in welfare and service projects should seriously consider adopting such in order that the fullest ideals of Gyro be realized.
EC2	January 1956	Each club is to be visited by an International Officer at least once every other year. (Note: Supplanted by EC3 1, June 1980)
EC3	January 1956	A Resolution recognizing at least three entities is to be presented at the International Convention each year; the Convention Hosts, Gyro Officers and Past International Presidents.
EC4	June 1956	The term "Gyro" should be protected both in Canada and the United States.
EC5	June 1956	The boundaries between District I and District III are relocated.
EC6	February 1957	Unless the circumstances are extremely special, the minimum number of members for a new club to be chartered should be 20. (Note: Rescinded by BG6, February 1967)
EC7	June 1957	District X is created by dividing District 1.
EC8	February 1958	The Boundaries between District I and District III are relocated.
EC9	June 1958	At the chartering of a new club, an International Officer will present the Charter and the refund cheque from initiation fees, and the Governor or his representative will install the club Officers and members and present the new member kits. (Note: See EC 12, February 1964)
EC10	February 1962	The Executive Council shall appoint a Gyro or Gyros to be the official representative of the Executive Council as International Director of Extension, to actively serve for as long and in such capacity as is established from time to time by the Executive Council.
EC11	February 1964	When a Gyro moves to an area where no club exists, the Secretary-Treasurer should suggest Lifetime Membership first to that person, then International Associate Membership.

- EC12 February 1964 \$10.00 of the \$15.00 initiation fee for each charter member of a new Gyro club shall be returned to that club at the time of chartering.
- EC13 January 1965 Automobile expense to be charged to International by International Officers at \$0.08 per mile, and International Officer's wife's expenses where it is necessary for her to attend be paid by International.
- EC14 June 1965 The International President or Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to suspend any club who takes in a member or threatens to take in a member who in their opinion would not be readily acceptable to Gyro. The action is to be reviewed by the Executive Council at its next regular meeting.
- EC15 June 1968 An annual statement of the financial condition of Gyro shall be provided to each International Convention for distribution and be an attachment to the minutes of that Convention.
- EC16 February 1970 Rescinded July 2005
- EC17 June 1973 Investment returns from both the Per Capita Fee Fund and the Memorial Fund shall become part of the General Fund.
- EC18 June 1973 Interim Meetings of the Executive Council and the Board of Governors will alternate East and West of the Mississippi River at a time selected by the Executive Council and at an attractive spot in a warmer climate. (Note: Supplanted by BG45, June 1991)
- EC19 January 1975 Rescinded July 2005
- EC20 January 1975 Rescinded July 2005
- EC21 January 1976 The winners of the Jimmie Hubbell Trophy and the Man Mile Award shall be announced at the President's Ball.
- EC22 June 1976 When attendance is required of Gyroscope Editor at an Executive Council Meeting, expenses will be paid for both him and his wife to attend, with those expenses being charged to Gyroscope. (Note: Further defined by EC23, June 1977)
- EC23 June 1977 The Gyroscope Editor will be invited to attend International Interim meetings, the expense to be charges to the Executive Council.
- EC24 June 1977 An official name badge, to be produced by Sterling Marking Products, has been adopted. In addition, Indoor Meeting Signs, Outdoor Road Signs and Award Plaques are to be made available through Gyro.

- EC25 June 1977 Any Gyro, who according to Gyro International Headquarters records, has been a member of a Gyro club or clubs (individually or collectively) or an International Associate member for periods of 25, 40, or 50 years (including only Military Service leave of absence); shall be eligible to receive a 25, 40, or 50 year scroll and/or 25, 40, or 50 year pin upon application and payment for same by the Gyro club in which he is currently a member (Note: See BG73 - January 2002).
- EC26 June 1977 No item or line item that does not exceed \$500.00 is to be included in the Budget as a separate item of the Budget and amounts so deleted are to be added to the "miscellaneous" budget. All items of \$500.00 or more shall be shown as separate line items. (Note: Amended by BG37, June 1989)
- EC27 June 1977 The Honor Key is to be presented to the retiring Past International President at the final banquet for his dedication, work, time and counsel during his five years on the Executive Council of Gyro International.
- EC28 July 1977 No member of the Executive Council can be included in calculations to determine man-mile awards.
- EC29 June 1978 Any use in any fashion of the Gyro name, insignia or registered trademark, excepting for non-saleable items, shall only be upon previous authorization of and approval by the Board of Governors or the Executive Council.
- EC30 January 1980 Each Gyro shall be finished with a copy of the Gyro Directory. Additional copies shall be made available at \$3.00 per copy. Publication should be made biannually.
- EC31 June 1980 International Officers should visit clubs once every three years, with members at club meetings or with the club executive before social functions. International Officers should be assigned to District Interims only upon invitation. (Amended July 2005. See BG83)
- EC32 June 1980 The official Gyro name tag shall be blue, with a gold seal, with the Gyro's or Gyrette's name and club affiliation.
- EC33 June 1980 By-Laws are rewritten to remove a requirement that an International Officer's name must appear on a charter petition.

- EC34 January 1981 Attendance by a member of the Executive Council at his own District Convention, unless he is the official representative, will not be at the expense of Gyro International. Interim representation will be assigned to the nearest International Officer. Interim representation will be assigned at the request and invitation from the Districts only. Official representatives will be reimbursed for expenses.
- EC35 June 1982 Rescinded July 2005
- EC36 June 1982 Twenty per cent, the amount allowed by the By-Laws, of Memorial Fund total is to be released to the General Fund to repay a loan.
- EC37 June 1991 Rescinded July 2005
- EC38 June 1991 Rescinded July 2005
- EC39 January 1992 \$5.00 will be added to each registration fee at International Conventions to help defray the cost of the International hospitality room. In the event of a surplus the excess will transferred to the Memorial Fund. (Note: See BG48 February 1993)
- EC40 January 1992 Boundaries between District II and District X were re-located.
- EC41 July 2006 The members of the Executive Council will henceforth meet with the Gyrettes at Convention on the day after the first day of registration for the Convention to allow for more ladies to attend.
- EC42 June 2009 The Executive Council, as a guideline for future Executive Councils, established a formula for determining the amount of an honorarium for long term employees from the Discretionary Honorarium Fund (See Chapter 12 Article III. of the By-Laws). The formula is as follows:
- $X = 0.25 \times [(y/z) \times (I/5)]$ where:
- X equals the employee honorarium;
 - Y equals the years employed;
 - Z equals the minimum years of employment to receive benefits (15);

I equals the total income of the employee for the last 5 years of employment

I/5 equals the average income of the employee over the last 5 years of employment.

(The 0.25 would apply to the office manager and would be reduced to 0.20 for a clerk's position.)

- EC 43 June 2009 All clubs hosting an International Convention must be in contact with the Executive Council at least two years in advance to facilitate an overview with regard to financing, planning, scheduling and advertising.
- EC 44 July 2011 The Executive Council appointed Peter Pollhammer of the Kelowna Club in District 4 as the first Database Administrator at a stipend of \$250.00 per month (see BOG 104 and Chapter 13A of the By-Laws)
- EC 45 May 2013 The Constitution Chair was asked to look into a Constitutional change that would clarify the authority of the Executive Council and/or the Board of Governors to remove a member for conduct unbecoming.
- EC 46 May 2013 It was decided that, to save costs, New Member Kits would be put on a disc and also available online.
- EC 47 May 2013 In order to "spread around" Gyro awards, it was decided to set a two-year consecutive limit on individual winners. A bulletin editor could win again after a one-year hiatus.
- EC48 June 2014 Ken Baker was appointed to the new position of Financial Administrator and the Finance Committee was dissolved. (See BG117)
- EC49 June 2015 Tim Wright was appointed to the newly created position of Membership Director.
- EC50 June 2015 The newly formed Tokyo Club was approved for membership in the Organization.
- EC 51 February 2016 The Executive Council extended the Employment Contract of Emil Bajot as Secretary-Treasurer for a further term of two years commencing the 1st day of May 2016. Emil's contract for services as editor and publisher of the Gyroscope was also extended for two years. There was no change in compensation or duties in either agreement.

- EC 52 February 2016 The resignation of Tim Wright as Membership Director was accepted with regret.
- EC 53 January 1, 2018 Mike McNally PIP began his contract as the appointed Secretary Treasurer. He passed away on May 25, 2022
- EC 54 April 4, 2021 Matthew Johnson PIP was appointed Secretary Treasurer subject to signing a contract and starting on June 1, 2022.
- EC 55 June 4, 2025 Alan Pentney PIP was appointed Secretary Treasurer effective July 1, 2025, without compensation so no contract was processed.
- EC 56 August 20, 2025 Motion approved that the Constitution and By-Laws revision to accommodate Gyro Restructuring, approved at the June 7, 2025, Convention AGM, be amended to become effective at the conclusion of the 2026 Convention AGM rather than April 30, 2026. This will allow the current District Governors to carry out their duties at the 2026 Convention.
- EC 57 Sept. 10, 2025 San Jose Gyro Club Charter suspended for non-payment of dues and non-responsive executive and members.
- EC 58 March 4, 2026 Mike Eisner IPIP was appointed chair of the 2027 Convention to be held in Nashville. He was also indemnified for approved financial transactions.
- EC 59 March 6, 2026 Roof leak repairs to remove the chimney and related hot water tank replacement to remove roof venting at an estimated cost of less than \$6000 was to be paid by way of an approved motion for withdrawal of funds from the memorial fund (less than 20% as of April 30, 2025).

PART II - BOARD OF GOVERNORS

NO.	DATE	RESOLUTION
BG1	January 1956	No Gyro clubs nor Gyro Districts shall solicit or endorse any particular person or persons as a candidate for International office.
BG2	June 1956	Boundaries between District III and District VI are re-located.
BG3	June 1960	A widow of a deceased Gyro will receive the Gyroscope for six months after her husband's death before being deleted from the mailing list.
BG4	February 1964	The Board of Governors recommend that Interim meetings be scheduled alternately, two in the east and one in the west each three years. (Note: See BG45, June 1991)
BG5	June 1964	Per Capita Fees shall be raised from \$8.50 per year to \$9.00 per year. (Note: Superseded)
BG6	February 1967	In the formation of a new club, no minimum number of initial members shall be required.
BG7	June 1968	A procedure shall be instituted to combine the International Convention each year with a District Convention.
BG8	February 1971	Per Capita Fees shall be raised from \$9.00 per year to \$10.00 per year. (Note: Superseded)
BG9	January 1973	By-Laws shall be amended to stipulate that a Scroll in addition to the Honor Key shall be presented to each recipient. At the time of the recipient's death the key shall be retired to International Headquarters where a display case shall be maintained.
BG10	January 1974	All clubs are to be informed that each club should establish a fund to help defray the expenses of their official delegate at International meetings.
BG11	April 1974	Per Capita Fees shall be raised from \$10.00 per year to \$12.00 per year. (Note: Superseded)
BG12	January 1976	Per Capita Fees shall be raised from \$12.00 per year to \$14.00 per year. (Note: Superseded)

BG13 January 1977	The International Bulletin contest is to be eliminated for 1977-1978.
BG14 January 1977	A Governor's District Bulletin Contest shall be created, with a suitable award, the Executive Council to determine the winner.
BG15 January 1978	Per Capita Fees shall be raised from \$14.00 per year to \$15.00 per year. (Note: Superseded)
BG16 June 1978	International Officers shall not be required to attend District Interims at International expense.
BG17 June 1978	Gyro International shall remit \$10.00 from the Initiation Fee for each new charter member to the District Treasury where the new club is formed.
BG18 June 1980	Per Capita Fees shall be raised from \$15.00 per year to \$18.00 per year. (Note: Superseded)
BG19 June 1980	Club President pins are to be made available for purchase from Gyro headquarters.
BG20 June 1980	Boundaries between District VII and District VIII are relocated.
BG21 June 1981	The club bulletin contest is to be revived, with three categories, based on membership, and judging to be by the Executive Council.
BG22 June 1981	By-laws are changed to allow a District Governor to vote any proxies assigned to him.
BG23 June 1982	It is recommended that per capita fees be increased to \$20.00 per year.
BG24 January 1982	It is recommended that By-Laws be revised to allow per capita fees of up to \$20.00 per year. (Note: See C8, June 1982)
BG25 January 1984	Per Capita Fees shall be raised from \$18.00 per year to \$23.00 per year. (Note: Superseded)
BG26 February 1985	By-Laws were rewritten to allow for Lifetime Membership and the creation of the Lifetime Prepaid Fee Fund.
BG27 July 1985	Per Capita Fees shall be raised from \$23.00 per year to \$25.00 per year. (Note: Superseded)
BG28 February 1986	Twenty per cent of the funds in the Memorial Fund are to be transferred to the General Fund.

BG29 February 1986	The Executive Council is directed to appoint a committee to advise regarding the investments in the Lifetime Membership Fund. (Note: The Executive Council appointed the existing Board of Trustees)
BG30 February 1986	It is recommended that By-Laws be re-written to allow per capita fees of up to \$35.00 per year. (Note: See CIO, July 1986)
BG31 July 1986	It was established that prices for insignia catalog items be listed in U. S. dollars.
BG32 February 1987	Recognition of Gyro Robert L. Carnahan, of the Canton Gyro club, is to be formally introduced into the Resolution Manual.
BG33 June 1988	Budgets for two years should be published in the Gyroscope. (Note: This Resolution was not implemented)
BG34 January 1989	The designation "50 Year Member" shall be included where applicable in the official name badge, this designation to be furnished at no charge.
BG35 January 1989	Numerous changes were recommended to be made to the By-Laws to correct minor errors in wording, punctuation etc. (Note: See C12, June 1989)
BG36 June 1989	Borrowings to augment the General Fund, when necessary, should first be from the Memorial Fund, without interest, second, from the Lifetime Prepaid Fee Fund, at the current interest, and third from a financial institution.
BG37 June 1989	The minimum dollar values for line items in the financial reports should be increased from \$500.00 to \$700.00.
BG38 May 1990	Amended in its entirety July 1998. See BG 64. Further amended in its entirety January 2006. See BG 84.
BG39 January 1991	Rescinded January 2005
BG40 January 1991	A Procedure Manual shall be distributed to all International and District Officers and to club Presidents and Secretaries, with a charge of \$10.00 per copy to be assessed.
BG41 January 1991	Per capita fees are to be increased from \$30.00 to \$35.00. (Note: superseded)
BG42 June 1991	One day is to be deleted from the Board of Governors Meetings at Conventions.
BG43 June 1991	Boundaries between District I and District X are re-located.
BG44 June 1991	One day is to be deleted from International Interims. (But see BG53, February 1994)

BG45 June 1991	The policy of scheduling International Interims east and west across the United States shall be discontinued, and Interims henceforth shall be scheduled throughout North American cities.
BG46 January 1992	The delegates to the Board of Governors meetings shall receive a copy of the previous Board of Governor's meeting minutes, a copy of the most recent financial statement and other relevant matters at least ten days prior to International Conventions and Interims.
BG 47 February 1993	Hosts will provide free registration and housing for International representatives at District Conventions. (Note: This was later qualified to be a request for free registration and housing - if feasible)
BG48 February 1993	The addition to the registration fees at International Conventions assessed by EC39, in January 1992, shall be increased to \$10.00
BG49 February 1993	Individual Gyro clubs are required to furnish accommodations to visiting International Officers, either with billets or with public accommodations.
BG50 February 1993	Rescinded January 2005
BG51 February 1994	A plaque in honor of John Harding is to be affixed to a wall at International Headquarters.
BG52 February 1994	All name badges, including Lifetime Membership badges, shall be colored alike - that is blue background, gold emblem and white letters. A notation should be made on Lifetime membership badges that the wearer is a Lifetime Member. (Note: See also BG34, January 1989)
BG53 February 1994	One day should be added at International Interims to allow for an additional day of meetings. Meetings, however, should be scheduled for mornings only. (But see BG75 and BG 81)
BG54 February 1994	By-Laws are revised to more specifically define the terms for presentation of the Gyro Award of Merit and the Honor Key.
BG55 February 1994	By-Laws are revised to clarify the transfer of interest accrued in the Memorial Fund to the General Treasury.
BG56 January 1996	The Procedure Manual, being now complete, is approved for printing and distribution.
BG57 January 1996	The By-Laws are amended to create the Betterment Fund.
BG58 January 1996	The By-Laws are re-written to allow Districts to bid on convention dates five years or more in advance.

- BG59 January 1997 In response to action voted on and approved by the Gyros of St. John, and in consideration of the fulfillment of the requirements of the Constitution and By-laws of Gyro International regarding such action, Gyro formally recognized the resignation of the Gyro club of St. John, New Brunswick.
- BG60 January 1997 The By-Laws regulating nominations for the Award of Merit shall be modified to allow for consideration of special circumstances. They shall also be changed to empower the Executive Council to approve or disapprove nominations.
- BG61 January 1997 Chapter I- As to clubs, Article IV. Obligations of clubs, Section 1, shall be revised to allow clubs to change their names subject to formal approval by the Board of Governors. Further, upon petition the name "Quad Cities Evening Gyro Club" shall officially be the name of the club that is now recognized by that name. (This petition was created to reconcile a possible confusion as to the club's correct name.)
- BG62 January 1997 Chapter 1, Article III, Section I, of the By-Laws shall be revised to remove the right to veto the formation of a new club by the next nearest existing Gyro club.
- BG63 January 1997 Award of Merit nomination forms shall be displayed in the Procedure Manual. They shall be clearly marked with the designation "Sample Form". Individual Award of Merit nomination forms shall be on inventory only at International Headquarters and shall be available upon application as needed for specific nominations.
- BG 64 July 1998 Amended in its entirety. See BG 84
- BG 65 July 1998 The Executive Council, in the case of unusual circumstances, may direct the Nominating Committee to meet and perform its duties at a meeting of the BOG's held prior to the Convention. All PIP's in attendance at that meeting shall constitute the committee. The Secretary shall notify all PIP's in writing, the date, time and place of the applicable BOG meeting.
- BG 66 June 1999 Ten (10) Resolutions were approved, all relating to clarifying the requirements between members and clubs, as follows:
1. A member of a club who moves his residence from the community in which the club is located to another community is allowed to remain a member of his club provided the club approves.
 2. A member of a club who moves his residence to another community having a club but who through no fault of his own, does

not become a member of that club, is allowed to become an International Associate member provided he also pay dues to the District in which he resides.

3. A Lifetime Member who moves his residence to another community having a club is allowed to become an International Associate member even if the club in his new community would accept him provided he also pays dues to the District in which he resides.

4. Eliminates the consent required of the previous club for a member to become eligible for election to another club.

5. A member who moves his residence to another community having a club is allowed to join a club in some other community in the same District if he cannot or does not wish to join the club in his new community.

6. A member who lives in one community but who also resides in another community is allowed to join the other club in such other community while still retaining his membership in the first club provided:

- a) he continues to pay dues to his original club and to the District in which his original club and District, respectively, may from time to time assess against him; and
- b) he pays fees or dues to the second club and District in which the second club is located in such amounts as the second club and District respectively, may, from time to time assess against him.

7. A Lifetime Membership of a member who is not an International Associate member will be terminated if he ceases to be a member in good standing in a club unless he is made an International Associate member pursuant to Article III of the Constitution.

8. Any member of a Gyro club who wishes to resign from the club may be made an International Associate member upon petition to and affirmative action by the Executive Council of this Organization if, after consultation with the member, the club and District in which the club is located, the Executive Council determines that:

- a) he has been a member in good standing of a club or clubs for at least the past ten years and has attained the age of 75 years; or
- b) it is difficult for him to attend meetings and other events of the club.

9. Substituting (1) Residing in or in the general vicinity of the community in which such club is located, and ... (Sec. 1, Article II of Chapter I of the By-Laws.

10. Each club shall hold official meetings of its members on such dates and at such intervals as the club may decide. All clubs are encouraged to hold an official meeting at least once a month in at least eight months of the year.

BG 67 Jan 2000	Amendment to Article IX clarifying the time required for circulation of, and response to Constitutional amendments.
BG 68 July 2000	To allow a one-time dues increase of \$5 per member for the year 2000-2001 payable December 2000.
BG 69 July 2001	Per Capita Fees are to be increased from \$40 per year to \$45 (Note: superseded)
BG 70 July 2001	The assessment to the registration fees at International Convention (see EC 39 and BG 48) shall be increased from \$10 per couple to \$10 per person.
BG 71 July 2001	A registration fee of \$30 per couple will be charged to those attending International Interims (Rescinded - See BG74 July 2003)
BG 72 January 2002	To allow a District Officer to represent a club who is not represented at Convention.
BG73 January 2002	5, 10 and 15 year membership pins are to be made available as well as the existing 25, 40 and 50 year pins (See EC25 June, 1977)
BG74 July 2003	The \$30.00 registration fee for attending International Interims was rescinded (see BG71 July 2001)
BG75 Feb 2004	International Conventions and International Interims are shortened by one day. (Rescinded July 2005. See BG81)
BG76 June 2004	Per capita annual fees were increased from \$45.00 to \$50.00 (see BG69 for previous increase)
BG77 January 2005	The proposal of Past District Secretary Bob Alton of the Victoria club to promote membership in Gyro by the establishment of a "Ask Me About Gyro" contest was approved and it was proposed that the Betterment Fund directors be canvassed to fund the contest.
BG78 January 2005	The establishment of the Edward "Ed" Steinbacher Lifetime Achievement Award to be presented annually at Convention was approved. (See the Awards Section of this manual for particulars of this award)

- BG79 July 2005 The establishment of an electronic description of each member's information to be published as it would appear in the phone book was approved. In addition, each Governor is to approach a member of the legal profession in his respective State(s) and/or Province(s) to determine if the electronic description meets privacy legislation requirements.
- BG80 July 2005 The request of Bob Alton for approval to be allowed to appoint a Committee with respect to the "Ask Me About Gyro" contest, and for that committee to appoint five judges for the contest was approved; in addition it was moved that the issue of whether or not to support this promotion be addressed by the Board of Governors at the 2006 Interim. (Note: The Board of Governors sitting as a meeting of the whole form the committee to select the judges. See also BG 77)
- BG81 July 2005 BG75 passed February 2004 shortening the International Convention and International Interim was rescinded.
- BG82 July 2005 A list of officers in each District who prefer to receive information from Gyro Headquarters by e-mail in lieu of regular post is to be compiled.
- BG83 July 2005 Resolution EC31 passed June 1980 was amended by deleting the words "... should visit clubs..." in the first line and substituting therefore the words "... set a goal to visit each club...".
- BG84 Jan 2006 BOG Resolution #64 passed July 1998 has been amended to read as follows:
Gyro International establish an award to be known as the "Norman L. (Bud) Mitchell Gyro of the Year Award" (the "Award") to be presented annually at Convention to the successful nominee in the following manner and based on the following criteria, namely:
1. Each Gyro Club shall have the right, prior to the Annual Convention each year, to nominate, at the time and in the manner hereinafter set out, one candidate for the Award for outstanding service and contribution, based on the criteria hereinafter set out, within and outside this Organization during the calendar year immediately preceding such Annual Convention (the "calendar year").
 2. No person may be nominated for the Award unless he has been a member of Gyro for at least twelve months and is an Active Gyro in good standing.
 3. Each Gyro club wishing to nominate a candidate for the Award shall do so in writing by submitting the name of such candidate and any other information the club considers pertinent to the Governor of the District in which such club is located.

4. All nominations for the Award shall be submitted to the appropriate District Governor for consideration and presentation at least 90 days prior to the start of the next Annual Convention.
5. The Officers of each District shall select one candidate from the names submitted to that District and shall advise the Secretary-Treasurer of their selection and their reasons therefore at least 75 days prior to the start of the next Annual Convention.
6. The Secretary-Treasurer shall forthwith submit the names of all the candidates to the Executive Council which shall constitute the Selection Committee for the Award.
7. The Selection Committee shall review and consider the names of all the candidates for the Award and, based on the criteria hereinafter set forth shall, at least 60 days prior to the start of the next Annual Convention select the Gyro who is to be the recipient of the Award to be presented at the next Annual Convention.
8. The successful Nominee shall be advised by the Secretary-Treasurer of his selection for the Award at least 30 days prior to the start of the next Annual Convention.
9. The following criteria shall be considered by the district officers and the Selection Committee in determining the successful nominee:
 - (a) Participation at the club, District and/or the International levels.
 - (b) Relationship with his fellow Gyros and other members of his community.
 - (c) Involvement in the community, business or governmental affairs.
 - (d) Any other matters or activities considered to be relevant.
 - (e) Involvement in internal and external expansion.
 - (f) All the above to be within and limited to the calendar year.
10. The Selection Committee may elect not to present the Award for any calendar year if it feels that none of the nominees is deserving of the Award.

BG85 July 2006

Amended to Article II of Chapter 1 of the By-Laws allowing for dual club membership in certain circumstances.

BG86 July 2006

An annual award for the best club or district web site was established to be known as the "John Harding Web Site Award" in memory of long time Secretary-Treasurer, John Harding.

- BG87 July 2006 On the recommendation of the Past District Governors, a committee was struck to look into and come up with suggestions for the rising International Convention costs.
- BG88 Jan 2007 The fiscal year end of this Organization be changed from May 31st to April 30th commencing with the 2006-2007 fiscal year. To implement this change, amendments were made to Article III. of Chapter 9, Article V. of Chapter 9 and Article I. of Chapter 12 of the Bylaws.
- BG89 Jan 2007 The formal part of the annual installation of officers at Convention be limited to two hours and not run beyond 9:00 pm.
- BG90 Jan 2007 There be added to the agenda of the Committee on Convention Costs a review of the funding of International Conventions (see BG87 July 2006).
- BG91 Jan 2007 Executive Council look into feasibility of outside website picture storage and if found to be feasible, proceed to do so within established budget.
- BG92 Jan 2007 Policy & Procedure Manual should be published on the website and updated with references indicating changed annotated.
- BG93 Jan 2007 International Officers should send congratulatory letters to new District Officers to encourage them to use the Policy & Procedure Manual and to submit articles to the Gyroscope.
- BG94 June 2008 The appointment of a committee to look into the setting up of an International data base was approved. President Ab Nightingale (now IPIP) was appointed Chairman with authority to select his own committee members.
- BG95 June 2008 The recommendation that International raise \$20,000.00 to support the centennial convention to be held in Cincinnati was accepted. 2nd VP Ken Klinck (now 1st VP), along with the incoming 3rd VP (Jim Hyland), were instructed to look into ways of raising the money and to report back to the Board of Governors at the 2009 Interim.
- BG 96 June 2009 Funding assistance for Lt. Governors to attend International Interim training sessions shall be based on transportation and lodging costs; applications for assistance shall be made to the Executive Council by October 31. Funding assistance is limited to Districts 6, 9 and 10.
- BG97 June 2009 In order to reduce expenses, two printed issues of the Gyroscope will be eliminated in each year. The two printed

issues of the Gyroscope will be replaced by two electronic issues and posted on the website.

- BG98 June 2009 The following recommendations of the Past District Governors were approved and adopted.
1. That each EC officer be assigned to monitor and be available for assistance to two Districts.
 2. That the Executive Council appoint the new 3rd VP to oversee the International Convention when he is the Immediate Past International President.
 3. That the “Club Improvement Action Plan Guideline” be modified to reflect the involvement of each of the EC officers who has been assigned to monitor and assist two Districts.
 4. All new approved guidelines developed by the Future of Gyro Committee be included in the Policy and Procedures Manual.
- BG99 June 2009 In the matter of applications for International Associate status, the headquarters staff ensure that the applicant meets the criteria for a member to become an International Associate; and that this issue be added to the Lt. Governor training program to improve understanding of the issue by District Officers, Clubs and individual members.
- BG100 June 2009 A committee to do a feasibility study on reducing the length of convention be struck. The committee will be chaired by PIP Al Sinicrope.
- BG101 Jan 2010 The Executive Council was directed to conduct a survey and present a firm plan for future Gyroscope issue distribution. The mandate to produce 2 digital issues and 2 printed issues each year was confirmed (See BG 97 and BG103)
- BG102 July 2010 A charge be levied for future Interim meetings, the amount of which is to be determined by the Vice-President responsible for arranging the Interim meeting to cover some of the costs of the meeting.
- BG103 Jan 2011 The Gyroscope be produced quarterly each year with all issues to be available on-line with the Spring and Fall issues to also be printed and mailed to those so requesting.

- BG104 Jan 2011 An official position of Database Administrator be established with the duties of, and stipend for, the Gyro in that position being determined by the Executive Council; and the By-Laws to be amended accordingly (see Chapter 13A of the By-Laws. Note: This resolution was affirmed at the 2011 Convention Board of Governors meeting)
- BG105 Jan 2011 A motion to formalize the PDG's as an official body of Gyro International under the By-Laws was defeated.
- BG106 Jan 2011 A motion to raise the annual per capita dues from \$50.00 to \$60.00 was defeated (but see BG108).
- BG107 Jan 2011 The following amendments to the Constitution and/or By-Laws were approved, subject, in the case of items 3 and 4, to ratification by the 2011 Convention (constitutional amendments):
1. Elimination of the International Interim in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 fiscal years, with a review to take place thereafter;
 2. Elimination of the position of Immediate Past International President as a member of the Executive Council effective immediately following the 2012 Convention.
 3. Elimination of the position of 3rd Vice-President as an officer of Gyro International and as a member of the Executive Council effective immediately following the 2012 Convention.
 4. The title of Secretary-Treasurer be changed to Executive Director.
- (Note: All of the above resolutions were reversed at the 2011 Convention Board of Governors meeting and accordingly were not implemented (See BG109))
- BG108 July 2011 Per capita annual fees were increased from \$50.00 to \$60.00 (See BG76 June 2004 for previous increase; (Note: The annual per capital fees cannot be more than \$60.00 without an amendment to Section 1. Article II. of Chapter 8 of the By-Laws being approved by not less than 2/3 of the votes actually cast in person or by proxy at Convention. See Article 1 of Chapter 17 of the By-Laws and Article IX. of the Constitution))

- BG109 July 2011 The following resolutions passed at the 2011 Interim (see BG107) were reviewed and reversed and accordingly, were not implemented:
1. Eliminate the International Interim for two years and then reviewed;
 2. Eliminate the position of Immediate Past International President as a member of the Executive Council;
 3. Eliminate the position of the 3rd Vice-President as an officer and a member of the Executive Council;
 4. Change the title of Secretary-Treasurer to Executive Director.
- (Note: Because all of the above resolutions were reversed at the Board of Governors meeting none was required to be ratified by Convention).
- BG110 Jan 2012 Subject to ratification by the 2012 Convention (constitutional amendment) the following amendment to the Constitution and/or By-Laws was approved: commencing with the 2013 Convention, the position of Third International Vice-President be eliminated.
(Note: The above resolution was defeated at Convention - See C26)
- BG111 Jan 2012 To finance the Centennial issue of the Gyroscope, two printed copies of the Gyroscope were eliminated for 2012.
- BG112 Jan 2012 A committee was formed to look into the use of social media by the Organization as an informative tool.
- BG113 Jan 2012 The formation of a Finance Committee was approved.
(Note: The Finance Committee was dissolved in 2015- See BOG117).
- BG114 Jan 2012 The Gyro Action Plan was approved as prescribed.
- BG115 May 2013 The slogan “Dedicated to Friendship and Fun” was adopted as the official slogan for the Organization.
- BG116 January 2014 The proposal by the Cincinnati Club to allow larger clubs to pay less per capita annual dues was rejected (Note: The Cincinnati Club subsequently surrendered its Charter).
- BG117 June 2014 The appointment of Ken Baker as Finance Administrator and the elimination of the Finance Committee was confirmed (See EC48).

- BG118 June 2014 The three District funding for Lt. Governors to attend training sessions was rescinded (See BG96).
- BG119 January 2015 The following matters were presented to the meeting for a vote:
1. Eliminate printed issues of the Gyroscope and provide four digital copies annually. Approved.
 2. IPIP expenses would only be paid to attend Convention, not Interim, as Nominations Chair. Approved.
 3. 3rd Vice-President position be retained but no expenses be provided for travel. Approved.
 4. Secretary-Treasurer annual travel to headquarters be reduced to one from two. Approved.
 5. Executive Council visits to District be limited to every other year. Approved.
 6. Reduce the number of Vice-Presidents from 3 to 2. Defeated.
 7. “Cluster” clubs within Districts whenever convenient. Approved.
 8. Created the position of Director of Membership. Approved.
 9. Create the position of Director of New Club Formation. Defeated.
 10. Each Executive Council member responsible for 2-3 Districts during his tenure. Approved.
 11. Prioritize Executive Council tasks to concentrate on problems that directly impact Clubs. Approved.
 12. Reduce the length of Convention and Interim meetings. Defeated.
 13. Establish a “mission statement”. Approved.
(Note: Randy Tarrier “volunteered” to take on this task.)
- BG120 Feb 2016 The 2018 Interim Meeting will not be held because of financial constraints. (Note: This resolution will require an amendment to the By-laws and will be placed on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting in Red Lake in July 2016).

BG121	July 2016	Section 2(h) of Article V. of Chapter 5 of the By-Laws was amended to require the Executive Council to call a meeting of the Board of Governors at least once per year instead of twice per year. Note: This change was also approved at the 2016 AGM.
BG122	July 2016	The Membership Director was directed to establish a committee with at least one PDG from each District along with other interested parties to make recommendations re the use of funds from Betterment Fund.
BG123	Jan 2017	A committee was formed to review all forms of communication within the Organization.
BG124	June 2017	The By-laws are amended to clarify how a club may resign from this Organization. See Sections 5 and 6 of Chapter 1, Article V. of the By-Laws
BG125	July 2020	The By-Laws are amended in several Articles and Sections to allow electronic means for communication and meetings, as well as to remove unused Articles and Sections such as, Lifetime Fund, compulsory Bonding, independent auditor, and expired sections.
BG126	July 2020	It was resolved that the 2020 By-Law revisions be dedicated to the memory of recently departed PIP Chis Randall and that President Pentney communicate this dedication to his widow, Judy Randall.
BG 127	June 2025	It was resolved that the 2026 Convention to be organized by Gyro International will be held in Calgary AB and be co-chaired by Ken Baker PDG and Alan Pentney PIP.
BG128	Dec. 2025	It was resolved that the 2027 Convention shall be held in Nashville TN. It is to be organized by Gyro International and chaired by representatives of the new District 3 (current Districts 4 and 9)

PART III – CONVENTION

NO.	DATE	RESOLUTION
C1	June 1958	International Officers recognize Gyrettes as an international Auxiliary Organization.
C2	July 1959	A list of the District Officers should be included in each issue of the Gyroscope.
C3	June 1963	A new club shall pay an initiation fee of \$15.00 for each new charter member. (Note: Supplanted by C4, June 1972)
C4	June 1972	Initiation fee for new members for a chartering club shall be increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00. The amount being returned to the club shall be kept at \$10.00
C5	April 1974	By-Laws are amended to allow 50-year members to be lifetime members with all per capita fees henceforth rescinded.
C6	June 1976	Rescinded July 2005.
C7	June 1978	By-Laws are amended to allow per capita fees up to \$15.00. (Note: Superseded)
C8	June 1982	By-Laws are amended to allow per capita fees up to \$25.00. (Note: Superseded)
C9	July 1986	By-Laws are revised to transfer all the funds from the defunct Prepaid Fee Fund to the Memorial Fund.
C10	July 1986	By-Laws are amended to allow per capita fees up to \$35.00. (Note: Superseded)
C11	June 1987	Five changes to the By-Laws were adopted stipulating that no member shall solicit from another, clarifying requirements for Lifetime Membership, correcting the Section Number transferring funds from the Prepaid Fee Fund, stipulating the International Officers in attendance at nominating meetings shall be there in an ex officio capacity and suggesting the nominating committee members consult with District Officers before nominating individuals to International Office.

- C12 June 1989 Corrections to the By-Laws are to be put into effect. (Note: See BG35)
- C13 May 1990 By-laws are revised to clarify the gender status of members.
- C14 June 1991 By-Laws are revised to allow per capita fees of up to \$45.00.
- C15 July 1995 Rescinded July 2005.
- C16 July 1996 The Gyro club of Mississauga, having failed to properly resign from Gyro, and being in fact being no longer in existence, is officially considered no longer a member of Gyro.
- C17 July 1996 By-Laws are modified to clarify provisions of the Betterment Fund.
- C18 July 2003 By-Laws are revised to allow per capita fees of up to \$50.00.
- C19 July 2003 Bylaws are revised to disallow any further applications for Lifetime membership. Existing Lifetime memberships to remain in effect.
- C20 July 2005 Bylaws are revised to convert the "Retirement Fund" to the "Discretionary Honorarium Fund"; and to establish procedure for the amalgamation of two or more clubs.
- C21 July 2006 Amendment to Article III. of the Constitution to allow members of a Club which has lost its Charter to apply to become International Associates (Note: This amendment was approved by the BOG at the 2006 Interim and ratified at the 2006 Convention).
- C22 June 2008 Bylaws are revised to allow per capita fees up to \$60.00.
- C23 June 2008 Bylaws are revised to stipulate that per capita fees be paid in the currency of the country (USA or Canada) in which the member resides.
- C24 June 2009 Bylaws are revised so that Clubs must respond to correspondence from the Executive Council or Board of Governors offering assistance (see Section 10 of Article IV. of Chapter 1)
- C25 July 2010 An amendment to the By-Laws to permit a one time extraordinary withdrawal from the Memorial Fund to repay loans made by the Memorial Fund to the General Fund and to partially cover the cost of connecting the office building to the City sewer system was approved
(See Section 3 of Article V. of Chapter 11 of the By-Laws)
- C26 June 2012 A resolution to eliminate the Third International Vice-President was defeated (Note: See BG110)
- C27 June 2012 By-Laws are amended to allow per capita fees up to \$70.00. (See Section 1 of Article II. of Chapter 8)

- C28 May 2013 Chapters 8 and 9 of the By-Laws were amended to provide for a fairer way of collecting new member dues (see Section 3 of Article III. of Chapter 8 and Section 1 of Article IV of Chapter 9)
- C29 June 2014 Article V. of Chapter 1 of the By-laws was amended with respect to Club resignations from the Organization (See Sections 3, 5, 6 and 7 of Article V. of Chapter 1).
- C30 June 2014 Section 1 of Article I. of Chapter 9 was amended to require that the annual per capita fee for each member of Gyro be paid annually instead of semi-annually commencing May 1, 2015.
- C31 July 2016 A new “Mission Statement” for the Organization was approved. It is posted on the Gyro website.
- C32 June 2017 A motion to eliminate the position of Third Vice-President is approved and the Constitution and By-Laws amended accordingly.
- C33 June 2017 A motion to increase the annual member’s dues by the amount of \$6.00 per year was defeated by six votes - 323 “no” votes to 317 “yes” votes.
- C34 June 2018 Section 1(2) of Article II. of Chapter 1 of the By-laws was amended to reduce the age of eligibility for membership in the Organization from 21 years to 18 years.
- C35 June 2019 A motion passed to increase the annual members’ dues by the amount of \$10.00 per year.
- C36 Aug 2023 A motion passed to limit dues collected for each club to be capped at 50 members per club and those clubs who only pay dues for 50 members are limited to 50 votes at the Annual General Meeting.
- C37 June 2023 A motion passed to remove language in Chapter 14 Article III Section 4 requiring the deceased member’s family to return the honor key to the organization and make this return optional.
- C38 June 2025 A Committee motion was approved to revise the Constitution and By-Laws to implement changes to reduce the number of Districts from 9 to 3 as well as to eliminate the 2nd Vice-President position and to eliminate all district administration by moving the three District Governor positions to the Executive Council. Nomination and election processes for Governors was established.
- In addition, the Board of Trustees was eliminated with the creation of a Finance Board in new Chapter 6A of the By-Laws and the establishment of a Financial Administrator Position in Chapter 13B of the By-Laws.
- By-Laws revised to allow per capita fees up to \$90.

These changes were to become effective April 30, 2026, except for Chapter 15 Article 2 Nominations – where the nomination and election of the three new Governors would be effective as of January 1, 2026. (Note: at a special EC meeting on August 20, 2025 a Motion was made to change the effective date from April 30, 2026 to “at the end of the 2026 AGM”.)